

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
MARICOPA COUNTY

CV 2016-015297

07/21/2017

HONORABLE KERSTIN LEMAIRE

CLERK OF THE COURT
D. Charbagi
Deputy

ARAB AMERICAN FESTIVAL

CHRISTOPHER D GRAHAM

v.

EMMA SARKIS, et al.

MICHELLE HIBBERT SWANN

CHAD A HESTER
SABA MAHMOOD
2005 WILLOW CREEK DR.
AUSTIN TX 78741
SAFA SROUR
75 A LENOX AVE
WRESTBURY NY 11590

MINUTE ENTRY

The Court has read and reviewed the following fully briefed motions: Defendant Emma Sarkis' Motion to Dismiss filed March 16, 2017, and Defendant Safa Sroure's Motion to Dismiss filed March 23, 2017. The Court benefited from the arguments of counsel and parties during the oral argument held May 24, 2017. The Court has also considered the applicable statutes, case law and rules of court in analyzing this matter.

The Court finds that it does not have jurisdiction over either of the Defendants. Neither Defendant has had meaningful contacts with the State of Arizona. Exchanging emails or Facebook messages with someone who resides in Arizona is simply not sufficient to create meaningful contacts for the purposes of establishing jurisdiction. The fact that a few receipts may have been sent to the Defendants with an Arizona return address does not create a meaningful contact with the State of Arizona to the extent that the parties would expect to be

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forced to litigate a breach of a contract case in Arizona where the contract was executed in Pennsylvania for a pageant that occurred in Pennsylvania. The contract does not indicate that it will be enforced in Arizona and/or under Arizona law. When looking at the totality of the circumstances, nothing in the Defendants interactions with Plaintiff would have given this Court jurisdiction over them.

Thus in analyzing the facts of the case, with all appropriate inferences drawn in favor of Plaintiff, the Court finds that it does not have personal or general jurisdiction over Defendants Sarkis or Srouer.

As the Court does not have jurisdiction, it will not analyze the other legal issues presented in the Motion to Dismiss.

IT IS ORDERED GRANTING Defendant Emma Sarkis' Motion to Dismiss filed March 16, 2017, and Defendant Safa Srouer's Motion to Dismiss filed March 23, 2017.